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**REQUEST  
FOR  
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
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Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number	09/687,401
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First Named Inventor	Manger
Group Art Unit	1743
Examiner Name	Soderquist
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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

**NOTE:** 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

**1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

- a.  Previously submitted
  - i.  Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
  - ii.  Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
  - iii.  Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b.  Enclosed
  - i.  Amendment/Reply
  - ii.  Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
  - iii.  Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
  - iv.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

**2. Miscellaneous**

- a.  Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
- b.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

**3. Fees** The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

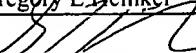
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  - i.  RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) 11/28/2003 AWDNDAF1 00000085 502508 09687401
  - ii.  Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17) 01 FC:2801 385.00 DA
  - iii.  Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b.  Check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ enclosed
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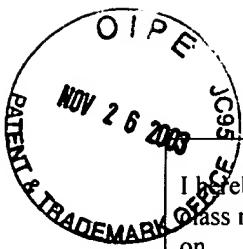
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#### AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office action of May 21, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows and consider the accompanying remarks:

**Amendments to the Specification - NONE.**

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which being on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings - NONE**

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 13 of this paper.